to completely indigenise the total manufacture of coins in this Mint?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) India Government Mint, NOIDA went into production on 1st July, 1988.

(b) The production details year-wise of NOIDA Mint since it went into production are as under:

Year	Production of Coins (in million pieces)
1988-89	450
1989-90	743

(c) This Mint is using imported stainless steel coin blanks for minting the coins.

(d) NOIDA Mint does not have any blanking facility of its own. It has only stamping facility. Efforts are in progress on the following lines to make available coin blanks indigenously:

(a) Provisions of blanking facility as part of Modernisation Programme under implementation at Bombay, Calcutta and Hyderabad Mints, expected to be completed by December, 1992;

(b) Supply of stainless steel strips by Steel Authority of India (SAIL) in due course to these Mints for making blanks; and

(c) Ordering, in the meantime, of coin blanks from SAIL for supply with effect from February, 1991.

Setting up of Trade Fair centres in different parts of the country

1625. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: WiU the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Trade Fair Authority of India plans to set up more centres on the lines of the Pragati Maidan in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the names of the places where the centres are proposed to be set up; and

(c) in what way the infrastructure at the Pragati Maidan in Delhi is going to be utilised to the optimum capacity round the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREE DHARAN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Trade Fair Authority of India aims at organising trade fairs not only in Delhi but also in other important cities and State capitals. Though then are certain proposals to develop exhibition infrastructure in the metropolitan cities in the country like Bombay, no definite project has emerged.

(c) TFAI has plans to increase the number of fairs in reference to specific product groups with export thrust, to be organised under its own aegis. It is also making efforts in encouraging outside agencies to hire out exhibition space in Pragati Maidan for organising their exhi bitions.

Direction received by custom authoritie from Ministry of Commerce

1626. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that custom authorities had received a direction from the Ministry of Commerce requesting them not to clear certain Non-OGI Capital goods on REP and additions licences in terms of paras 177 and 21: of the 1988-91 Import and Expor Policy;

(b) if so, whether there has been an; deviation from these directions and i so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the broad details o imports permitted in contradiction to